



Legislation Text

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Lake County Air Quality Management District, Board of Directors

FROM: Douglas Gearhart
Air Pollution Control Officer

DATE: June 26, 2018

SUBJECT: (Sitting as LCAQMD, Board of Directors): Adopt Resolution authorizing participation in AB197 Emissions Inventory District Grant Program, and authorizing the APCO to sign and execute the grant agreement and all program documents

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: The passage of AB197 Quality Assurance Review of Point Source Emissions Data occurred in 2016 which required the State to update and post emissions inventory and toxics emissions annually to an online mapping tool. To implement this, the State is providing a Grant to the District to perform the annual inventory and toxics work. The funds for this year are intended to fund review of sources in their current inventory, update as much of the inventory as possible from 2008 to today, and update our reporting processes to obtain this information annually rather than the quadrennial cycle we have been under. Funds are appropriated from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund.

The AB197 program is an overly paper heavy and legalistic process to implement and administer due to the funding source and reporting requirements of the State. The program is setup as a reimbursement program, but we may be able to obtain advance funding for some work. The funds have been increased for this year as some Districts are not taking the funds, but this may provide enough funds for us to look into database programming and consultant services to assist with this review or to setup guidance for future data collection. All options have to be discussed with ARB staff, but we would like to pursue options to make future data collection and review processes as simple as possible for staff and the impacted industries. If funds cannot be utilized for these other options, we can utilize them for inventory work.

Attached is the grant agreement and provisions. The grant agreement does require significant reporting and documentation requirements which do not work well for us as we do not have dedicated staff for this program. ARB staff has stated they will provide flexibility on the grant requirements, but to minimize our risk for loss of the funds, we recommend sending a signing

statement with the grant agreement noting the agreed upon requirements and flexibility allowed by ARB staff. We will work with District Council to complete this letter prior to sending the signed MOU to the ARB.

FISCAL IMPACT: ☐ None ☒ Budgeted ☐ Non-Budgeted

Estimated Cost:

Amount Budgeted:

Additional Requested:

Annual Cost (if planned for future years):

FISCAL IMPACT (Narrative):

STAFFING IMPACT (if applicable): Potentially Significant. We will evaluate impacts this first year

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution authorizing participation in AB197 Emissions Inventory District Grant Program, and authorizing the APCO to sign and execute the grant agreement and all program documents.